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Title : Need to release funds for doubling of broad-gauge rail track on Madurai-Dindigul sector.

SHRI P. MOHAN (MADURAI): The doubling of broadgauge rail track in Madurai-Dindigul corridor has become a work item to be carried out at once for the over all development of Tamil Nadu.

The passenger as well as goods traffic bound for south from all sides in the north have to invariable pass through this single existing broad guage line. Similarly equal number of trains and goods carrier from South for North have to pass through this strip. Therefore unmanageable traffic density always persist in this sector. That apart running all seasonal special trains to Nagercoil as well as container carriers to Tuticorin further adds up this traffic congestion.

Further there is a good number of places of summer resorts and temples which are certain to increase the travellers to many folds.

In the industrial front Koodankulam Atomic Power Plant, Nanguneri EPZ, Tuticorin Major Port Container Corporation and Sethu Samuthram project are bound to increase the traffic density in Madurai-Dindigul sector.

From the foregoing, it becomes imperative that another broad-gauge line parallel to the existing one between Madurai and Dindigul has to be laid assigning top most priority within a short period utilizing the entire allocation of Rs. 96 crores which government should release forthwith in one go.